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SUBJECT: COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DRUG ABUSE ADVISER

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED QUESTION OF EXTENSION OF COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DRUG ABUSE ADVISER PROGRAM WITH MINFINANCE NARCOTICS OFFICER A.P. AGARWAL NOVEMBER 14. WHILE AGARWAL SAID GOI HAD OPEN MIND WHETHER TO CONTINUE PROGRAM FOR ANOTHER YEAR, HE REFLECTED LITTLE OFFICIAL ENTHUSIASM FOR IT.

2. AGARWAL RECALLED THAT ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF ADVISER WAS TO PREPARE COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REPORT ON DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE SITUATION. THIS TASK HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY LAST YEAR'S MEETING OF COLOMBO PLAN MEMBERS, HE SAID, BUT TMNY HAD AGREED TH EXTEND PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR. AGARWAL CAGGED ATTENTION TO PRESENCE IN AREA OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE INTERNATIONAL BODIES: COLOMBO PLAN, UN NARCOTICS PROGRAM, AND INTERPOL. UN PROGRAM, HE SAID, HAD TO BE PRINCIPAL AGENCY
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HAD OPERATIONAL FUNDS. GOI THOUGHT UN REGIONAL MEETINGS OF
OPRATING OFFICERS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL FIELD - SECOND OF WHICH
TO BE HELD IN JAKARTA THIS WEEK - WERE VALUABLE.

3. GOI WAS CONCERNED, AGARWAL SAID, THAT UN REGIONAL ADVISER
AND COLOMBO PLAN ADVISER COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO
AVOID DUPLICATION AND TO MAXIMIZE RESULTS. SECOND GOI CONCERN
WAS THAT MULTIPLICITY OF INTERNATIONAL ADVISERS DID NOT PLACE ADDED
STRAIN ON GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACIES, E.G., IN THE FORM OF DUPLICATE
REPORTING. OVERLAPPING MEETINGS, ETC. WITH THESE TWO PROVISOS,
INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAD OPEN MIND AS TO CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM
AND WOULD GO ALONG WITH WISHES OF OTHER REGIONAL MEMBERS.

4. GARWAL HAD NO COMMENT TO OFFER ON QUESTION OF CONTINUATION
OR REPLACEMENT OF PIO ABARRO IN ADVISER POSITION. HE THOUGHT THIS
WOULD ARISE ONLY "AT ANOTHER STAGE" AFTER FATE OF PROGRAM DECIDED.
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